

A BIRD Checklist for Grandfather Mountain State Park 92 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 92 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 1 species is known to nest within the park. 1 is suspected of nesting. We would appreciate any report of sightings that increase our knowledge of the park's bird life.

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Notes

BIRD CHECKLIST Grandfather Mountain State Park

Seasons:

Spring - March to May
Summer - June to August
Fall - September to November
Winter - December to February

A - Abundant, always present in large numbers.
C - Common, almost always present in good numbers in proper habitat.
F - Fairly common, usually present and seen most days in proper habitat.
U - Uncommon, usually present, but not seen most days.
O - Occasional, often present, but not seen most weeks or only in limited area.
R - Rare, not seen most years, or seen only in very low numbers in limited area.
V - Very Rare, usually not present, seen once every five or more years.
I - Irregular, highly variable from year to year.
X - Accidental, not to be expected.
E - Escaped from captivity.
* - Known to breed.
~ - Suspected of breeding.

Web Links

NC Birds Website
<<https://carolinabirdclub.org/ncbirds/index.html>>

Resources



92 BIRD taxa**ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [1]**

___ Canada Goose - - - -
Branta canadensis

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [2]

___ Ruffed Grouse - - - -
Bonasa umbellus
 ___ Wild Turkey - - - -
Meleagris gallopavo

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [1]

___ Mourning Dove - - - -
Zenaida macroura

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [1]

___ Common Nighthawk - - - -
Chordeiles minor

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

___ Chimney Swift - - - -
Chaetura pelagica

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]

___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird - - - -
Archilochus colubris

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [1]

___ American Woodcock - - - -
Scolopax minor

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [1]

___ Turkey Vulture - - - -
Cathartes aura

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [5]

___ Bald Eagle - - - -
Haliaeetus leucocephalus
 ___ Sharp-shinned Hawk - - - -
Accipiter striatus
 ___ Broad-winged Hawk - - - -
Buteo platypterus
 ___ Red-tailed Hawk - - - -
Buteo jamaicensis
 ___ Golden Eagle - - - -
Aquila chrysaetos

STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]

___ Great Horned Owl - - - -
Bubo virginianus
 ___ Barred Owl - - - -
Strix varia
 ___ Northern Saw-whet Owl - - - -
Aegolius acadicus

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

___ Belted Kingfisher - - - -
Megaceryle alcyon

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [5]

___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - - - -
Sphyrapicus varius
 ___ Downy Woodpecker - - - -
Dryobates pubescens
 ___ Hairy Woodpecker - - - -
Picoides villosus
 ___ Northern Flicker - - - -
Colaptes auratus
 ___ Pileated Woodpecker - - - -
Dryocopus pileatus

FALCONIDAE: Falcons [2]

___ Merlin - - - -
Falco columbarius
 ___ Peregrine Falcon - - - -
Falco peregrinus

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [2]

___ Eastern Wood-pewee - - - -
Contopus virens
 ___ Eastern Phoebe - - - -
Sayornis phoebe

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [3]

___ Yellow-throated Vireo - - - -
Vireo flavifrons
 ___ Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo - - - -
Vireo solitarius
 ___ Red-eyed Vireo - - - -
Vireo olivaceus

CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [3]

___ Blue Jay - - - -
Cyanocitta cristata
 ___ American Crow - - - -
Corvus brachyrhynchos
 ___ Common Raven - - - -
Corvus corax

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [3]

___ Tree Swallow - - - -
Tachycineta bicolor
 ___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow - - - -
Stelgidopteryx serripennis
 ___ Barn Swallow - - - -
Hirundo rustica

PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]

___ Carolina Chickadee - - - -
Poecile carolinensis
 ___ Tufted Titmouse - - - -
Baeolophus bicolor

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [2]

___ Red-breasted Nuthatch - - - -
Sitta canadensis
 ___ White-breasted Nuthatch - - - -
Sitta carolinensis

CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]

___ Brown Creeper - - - -
Certhia americana

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [2]

___ Winter Wren - - - -
Troglodytes hiemalis
 ___ Carolina Wren - - - -
Thryothorus ludovicianus

POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers [1]

___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - - - -
Poliophtila caerulea

REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet - - - -
Regulus satrapa
 ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet - - - -
Corthylio calendula

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [6]

___ Eastern Bluebird - - - -
Sialia sialis
 ___ Veery - c - -
Catharus fuscescens
 ___ Swainson's Thrush - - - -
Catharus ustulatus
 ___ Hermit Thrush - - - -
Catharus guttatus
 ___ Wood Thrush - - - -
Hylocichla mustelina
 ___ American Robin - - - -
Turdus migratorius

MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds & Thrashers [1]

___ Gray Catbird - - - -
Dumetella carolinensis

STURNIDAE: Starling [1]

___ European Starling - - - -
Sturnus vulgaris

BOMBYCILLIDAE: Waxwings [1]

___ Cedar Waxwing - - - -
Bombycilla cedrorum

PASSERIDAE: Old World Sparrows [1]

___ House Sparrow - - - -
Passer domesticus

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [4]

___ House Finch - - - -
Haemorhous mexicanus

___ Red Crossbill - - - -
Loxia curvirostra

___ Pine Siskin - - - -
Spinus pinus

___ American Goldfinch - - - -
Spinus tristis

PASSERELLIDAE: [5]

___ Eastern Towhee - - - -
Pipilo erythrophthalmus

___ Chipping Sparrow - - - -
Spizella passerina

___ Field Sparrow - - - -
Spizella pusilla

___ Song Sparrow - - - -
Melospiza melodia

___ *Dark-eyed Junco - - - -
Junco hyemalis

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [2]

___ Brown-headed Cowbird - - - -
Molothrus ater

___ Common Grackle - - - -
Quiscalus quiscula

PARULIDAE: Warblers [21]

___ Ovenbird - - - -
Seiurus aurocapilla

___ Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain
population)..... - - - -
Helmitheros vermivorum

___ Louisiana Waterthrush - - - -
Parkesia motacilla

___ Black-and-white Warbler - - - -
Mniotilta varia

___ Tennessee Warbler - - - -
Leiothlypis peregrina

___ Mourning Warbler - - - -
Geothlypis philadelphia

PARULIDAE: Warblers [21]

___ Common Yellowthroat - - - -
Geothlypis trichas

___ Hooded Warbler - - - -
Setophaga citrina

___ American Redstart - - - -
Setophaga ruticilla

___ Cape May Warbler - - - -
Setophaga tigrina

___ Northern Parula - - - -
Setophaga americana

___ ~Magnolia Warbler - R - -
Setophaga magnolia

___ Blackburnian Warbler - - - -
Setophaga fusca

___ Yellow Warbler - - - -
Setophaga petechia

___ Chestnut-sided Warbler - - - -
Setophaga pensylvanica

___ Blackpoll Warbler - - - -
Setophaga striata

___ Black-throated Blue Warbler - - - -
Setophaga caerulescens

___ Pine Warbler - - - -
Setophaga pinus

___ Yellow-rumped Warbler - - - -
Setophaga coronata

___ Black-throated Green Warbler - - - -
Setophaga virens

___ Canada Warbler - - - -
Cardellina canadensis

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [4]

___ Scarlet Tanager - - - -
Piranga olivacea

___ Northern Cardinal - - - -
Cardinalis cardinalis

___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak - - - -
Pheucticus ludovicianus

___ Indigo Bunting - - - -
Passerina cyanea